

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claims 10-12 have been cancelled.

**I. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-3, 6 and 8-9 are allowed. Claims 4, 5, and 7 should be allowable based upon rejoinder since they are either directly or indirectly depending from claim 1. Claims 1-9 now stand in condition for allowance.

**II. Conclusion**

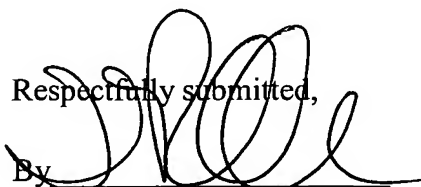
All matters having been addressed in view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the immediate allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants' undersigned representative remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter. If any point remains an issue in which the Examiner feels would be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-2448. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any overpayments to the above-referenced deposit account.

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